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HONGKONG, JANUARY 14th, 1911.

WHEN the intention of the United States Government to fortify the Panama Canal was first announced, it may be remembered that a report from Tokyo stated that the Japanese Government proposed to appoint a small Committee to consider the question, presumably in its bearing upon the naval position of Japan in the Pacific Ocean. We now have the news that a Japanese Squadron is at the present moment on a visit to Panama and that the Admiral in command and his officers have been shown over the Canal works by the Engineer-in-Chief. The telegram we published yesterday added the information that the Admiral had expressed the opinion that the fortification of the canal is a mistake. Doubtless a great deal has been made of this remark in the American Press, and we are quite prepared to find when the newspapers arrive from the United States that "sour grapes" will succinctly represent the view generally taken of that observation. The telegram supplies no indication of the grounds on which the Admiral bases this opinion, and in the absence of a statement of reasons we can only assume that he means that it will prove a mistake from the point of view of the American taxpayer. Mr. Roosevelt has expressed the opinion that the Canal will double the power of the United States Navy. This view is not endorsed by all Naval strategists, and possibly Admiral YAMAGOTO is among them. Admiral Sir

CYPRIAN BRIDGE, who a few years ago was Commander-in-Chief of the British China Squadron, is another. In a recent article on "Naval Strategy and the Panama Canal" the Admiral gave reasons for his opinion that "monumental" forts are a mistake. He shows that the ends of the Canal must be defended by sea power, and Admiral Dewey may therefore claim him as a supporter of the view he himself has expressed, namely, that the opening of the canal will not enable the States to content itself with one fleet, but that a fleet on either seaboard will be necessary. The chief danger to which this Canal may be exposed, Admiral Bridge says, is land attack. Conditions are conceivable in which the United States might have to guard the banks of the canal with a considerable Army. Mere raids, too, may compel the States to maintain a large force on the banks, since these are more likely to be attempted by land than by sea. Evidently this is not the view of the American naval experts, and in the matter of the Canal fortifications the United States Government is not likely to be influenced by the views of any other naval strategists than its own. A fleet on either seaboard has long been influentially advocated, and though the exaggerated statement of Mr. Roosevelt that the opening of the Canal will double the power of the United States Navy, may increase the difficulty of obtaining money for the expansion of the navy, the weight of that statement from that point of view will diminish when there is set against it the fact that the growing navies of the South American Republics requires corresponding growth in the Navy of the United States if it is to maintain its predominance in the Western Hemisphere. We are not aware that any naval strategist has denied that the Canal will prove strategically beneficial to the United States. Criticism is confined to the character of the fortifications and to combating the idea that from a strategic point of view the Canal will save the United States a considerable outlay on naval defences. On the other hand, it must be borne in mind that the Canal is primarily intended not for strategic but commercial purposes, and none can hope more fervently than the United States Government that the need will never arise for the fortifications to be brought into use.

The German cruiser *Leipzig* arrived here yesterday afternoon and saluted the port.

The New Year honours list included Mr. E. W. Birch, Civil Resident of Perak, K.C.M.G.

A silver teapot with spirit lamp, together with a walking stick, umbrella, and overcoat were stolen from the Grand Hotel between the 21st December and the 25th.

We are informed by the General Representatives of the Nestle and Anglo-Swiss Condensed Milk Company that the result of the rhyming competition will be published on Monday.

A fine of \$10 was imposed on a Chinese yesterday at the Magistracy for removing sand from Cheung Shui Island without the permission of the Public Works Department.

Someone entered the open door of the room occupied by Mr. P. Rolfe, barber, in Queen's Road on Tuesday morning and stole therefrom several articles of clothing valued at \$45.

A Korean woman appeared at the Magistracy yesterday charged with having offered a bribe of \$10 to Detective Sergt. Terrett. The charge was not pressed on condition that the woman left the Colony and she was bound over accordingly.

Among the passengers by the N.D.L. steamer *Derfflinger*, which arrived yesterday from Europe, was H. E. Baron Mumm von Schwarzenstein, German Minister to Tokyo, who is proceeding to Japan to make preparations for the visit of the Crown Prince of Germany.

Mr. G. H. Boucher, of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, has informed the police that 144 balls of opium valued at \$8,400 were stolen from the s.s. *Teokang* while moored at Kowloon Dock buoy last week. The theft, however, was not discovered until the vessel reached Shanghai.

A ricksha coolie was summoned by Alim Khan for demanding more than his legal fare. Complainant told the Magistrate that he paid the defendant forty cents, having had the ricksha for an hour and ten minutes. The man ran after him on the ferry and caught hold of him. A fine of \$5 was imposed.

H.E. the Governor and Lady Lugard will be present at the Y.M.C.A. rooms on Monday evening on the occasion of a social gathering to take leave of Sir Henry and Lady May. Mrs. Atkinson is arranging the programme and Mrs. Harker, Mr. Balloch, Mr. A. E. Paine and Capt. Mitchell-Taylor are taking part. In response to a request from members of the Association, Sir Henry May will give an Irish recitation. The chair will be taken by Mr. P. H. Holyoak, vice-president of the Association.

Before Commander Basil Taylor, R.N., at the Marine Magistrate's Court yesterday, the owner of the licensed steam launch *Chi Loy* was fined \$200 or six months' imprisonment with hard labour for carrying 36 passengers in excess of the number allowed by his licence.

The Board of the Y.M.C.A. in Hongkong have nominated the following gentlemen as Directors of the Association:—Mr. A. Turner, Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Mr. A. H. Hume, Mr. J. R. Wood, Col. C. W. R. St. John, but other nominations can be received up to Thursday next.

Mr. William Macbean, who has been the Agent of the Union Insurance Society of Canton, Ltd., in Singapore for the last 13 years, is proceeding home on the 16th January by the N. D. L. steamer *Goeben* on twelve months' leave, at the end of which time he intends retiring from the service of the Society, and will not return to the East. Mr. Macbean first came out to the East in the Spring of 1884, the greater part of the time having been spent in Singapore.

HUSBAND AND WIFE.

INTERESTING CASE AT THE MAGISTRACY.

Leung Kam Wing, assistant comprador for the Hongkong Hotel was summoned by his wife for failing to support her and her children. Mr. Reader Harris appeared for the defendant. Complainant stated that her husband had not supported her since January 2nd last year. She had lived with her friends, who had advanced her money, and she had also sold her furniture. Her friends declined to keep her unless her husband contributed to her support. She had seen the Registrar-General, who had told her she could make the defendant support her if he was her husband. Her husband had been away in Mexico for five years. She received money from him, but the remittances stopped.

His Worship (Mr. Wood) asked what was the cause of the quarrel.

Mr. Harris replied that he did not think there had been any serious quarrel. His client's mother had paid the complainant \$65 a month out of the defendant's savings. The payments were stopped by the mother for some reason.

His Worship—The parties are husband and wife?

Mr. Harris—Yes.

His Worship—She is his only wife?

Mr. Harris—Yes.

Mr. Harris added that he did not know what order the woman wanted.

His Worship said he did not see that she had left her husband at all.

Mr. Harris—She has not. She has lived in the same house all the time.

His Worship—The whole matter seems to be that the remittances have stopped.

Mr. Harris—My client complains that he could not even see his children. He does not intend to go on paying while she keeps the children from him.

His Worship—How many children?

Complainant—Six.

His Worship—Are you willing to go back and live with your husband?

Complainant—If he is willing to support me, I am prepared to go back at any moment.

Mr. Harris stated that his client was willing that the two elder girls should go into the convent, but this offer had been declined. He was prepared to rent a house for his wife.

His Worship told complainant that her case did not come under the Ordinance and he would not be able to do anything for her.

Mr. Harris—She has refused an order before the Registrar-General already.

His Worship—I will adjourn the summons for a fortnight. You had better come to some arrangement with your husband meantime.

BARMAIDS IN HONGKONG.

THE GOVERNMENT DEFINITION OF A "BARMAID"

Our attention has been drawn to some uncertainty which appears to prevail among licence holders in Hongkong as to the definition of the term "barmaid." By the Ordinance passed last year a licensee must not employ any barmaid on his licensed premises. Several licensees, we understand, consider that their wives and daughters do not come under the category of "barmaids." The dictionary meaning of "barmaid" is "a girl or woman who serves food or drink at a bar." An application made to the Government for a definition has elicited the following reply from the Colonial Secretary:—

"I am directed to inform you that the word 'barmaid' in section 15 of Ordinance 46 of 1909 includes the wives, daughters, nieces, and other female dependants of publicans who sell liquor behind the bar, the scope and object of the section being to prohibit any woman from serving liquor in a public house."

Presumably, therefore, the Government will take the necessary steps to see that the conditions of the licence are fulfilled in this respect.

SALE OF RACECOURSE PRIVILEGES.

At the Racecourse yesterday afternoon Messrs. Hughes & Hough, auctioneers, offered for sale by public auction the privileges in connection with the forthcoming races of the Hongkong Jockey Club. Numerous intending purchasers were present, and throughout the bidding for the different lots was spirited, the result being an increase in the total price realised on last year's sale of over \$3,000. The lots brought the following prices:—
1, \$390; 2, \$410; 3, \$470; 4, \$800; 5, \$650; 6, \$700; 7, \$1,200; 8, \$850; 9, \$920; 10, \$700; 11, \$680; 12, \$680; 13, \$600; 14, \$820; 15, \$700; 16, \$550; 17, \$500; 18, \$350; 19, \$200.

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THE PLAGUE IN NORTH MANCHURIA.

PEKING, January 13th.

The plague is spreading. Dr. Mesny, of Tientsin, and two native doctors have died. Seven foreign doctors leave Peking and Tientsin on Monday to assist in Manchuria.

[REUTERS SERVICE TO THE "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS"]

FORTIFICATION OF THE PANAMA CANAL.

LONDON, January 13th.

President Taft has addressed a message to Congress urging the fortification of the Panama Canal and the appropriation of five million dollars for the commencement of the work immediately. The Fortification Board estimates the total cost at twelve and a half million dollars.

CAPTAIN PEARY JUSTIFIED.

LONDON, January 13th.

It is reported from Washington that National Geographic Society's experts have examined Captain Peary's records and declare that he went within sixteen to ten miles of the North Pole.

"NEW PHASE OF EUROPEAN POLITICS."

LONDON, January 12th.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" telegraphs that as the result of the Russo-German agreement the plain fact must be faced that Russia, while carrying out her treaty obligations with France and Great Britain, has definitely withdrawn from the triple entente and that European politics have entered on a new phase.

A FRENCH DENIAL.

In the debate on the Estimates in the French Chamber of Deputies M. Pichon, the Minister for Foreign Affairs, said that the alliance with Russia was as firm and as much alive as ever. The result of the Potsdam interview between the Kaiser and the Tsar was a fresh and very solid guarantee of the general peace. Referring particularly to Great Britain, he said the entente between the two countries was never closer nor more complete than at present. There was not a single question on which the two countries were not at one for common action. He vigorously protested against the assertion that France was isolated. Could a nation be isolated which was allied to Russia, united to Great Britain, and possessing friendships and agreements with Italy, Spain, and Japan? The Franco-Japanese agreement was one of the guarantees of peace in the Far East. He only hoped that such isolation would last.

TARIFF NEGOTIATIONS.

LONDON, January 13th.

Reuter learns that the Anglo-Japanese tariff negotiations proceeding in London are progressing satisfactorily, and that probably the result will be a commercial treaty whereby Japan will make modifications in her tariff in return for concessions on the part of Great Britain.

INTERESTING ENGAGEMENT.

LONDON, January 13th.

Mr. Vyner Brooke, eldest son of the Rajah of Sarawak, is engaged to the youngest daughter of Viscount Escher.

SUPREME COURT.

Friday, January 13th.

IN APPELLATE JURISDICTION.
BEFORE THE FULL COURT.

THE CHINESE ADMINISTRATION ACTION.

The Full Court (His Honour Sir Francis Pigot, Chief Justice, and Mr. Justice Hazeland, Acting Puisne Judge) delivered its reserved decision on the question of costs raised in the cross-appells from the decision of the Hon. Mr. W. Ross Davies, K.C., formerly acting Chief Justice, in the administration action between Li Chok Hung and Li Pui Choi, alias Li Shek Pang, alias Li Hing Wai. The action was one in which over \$1,000,000 was involved, and the original hearing lasted 54 days, judgment being delivered on June 4th. The Acting Chief Justice gave judgment against Li Pui Choi (appellant) for an account of the estate of the Mau Sing Tong, and against Li Chok Hung (respondent) on the Wing Shing Tong issue, and both parties appealed against the decision. The Full Court reversed the judgment of the Court below.

Messrs. M. W. Slade, K.C., and C. G. Alabaster, instructed by Mr. D. V. Stevenson (of Messrs. Deacon, Loober & Deacon), appeared for Li Pui Choi, and Sir Henry Berkeley, K.C., and Mr. Eldon Potter, instructed by Mr. Goldring (of Messrs. Goldring, Barlow & Morrell), represented Li Chok Hung.

The Chief Justice, before proceeding with the judgment, said he had received an anonymous petition with regard to this case from a Chinese. It was, of course, very irregular, but as there was nothing very irregular in the suggestion made with regard to an amicable sub-division of property, his Lordship thought the best thing he could do was to hand the petition down to both parties.

Mr. Potter thought it had been presented rather late in the day.

Sir Henry Berkeley—An *amicus curiae*.

The Chief Justice then proceeded to deliver the lengthy judgment of the Full Court, which dealt with the arguments and authorities of Counsel on both sides, and which reviewed the decision delivered by the Hon. Mr. W. Ross Davies when acting as Chief Justice. The Court decided, after having given the matter most careful consideration, that its judgment should reverse the whole of the judgment of the learned Judge in the Court below, and that judgment should be entered in the action for the defendant with costs.

Mr. Slade—The appeal stands dismissed with costs?

The Chief Justice—Yes.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

BEFORE HIS HONOUR MR. F. A. HAZELAND (ACTING PUISNE JUDGE).

In an action brought by Wan Tsz Shum against Cheong Chuk Sam to recover \$170, Mr. P. Sydenham Dixon, who appeared for the plaintiff, asked his Lordship to fix a day. The action was for goods sold and delivered, and there was no defence.

Mr. Gardiner, for defendant, said the claim was for money lent, and the case would take some time.

Mr. Dixon—I understand the defendant is going to consent to judgment when a day is fixed, so I would ask your Lordship to give us Friday afternoon.

Mr. Gardiner—The defendant is going to do nothing of the sort, my Lord. I have a very good defence.

His Lordship—I will put the case at the bottom of the remand list.

THE LAST ADJOURNMENT.

The case was again mentioned in which the Tsui Yin Lau sued Cheung Sin Ha to recover \$422.20.

Mr. Davidson, who appeared for the plaintiff, said another writ had been issued in another action against the defendant. Perhaps the defendant's solicitor would accept service in the other action.

His Lordship (to Mr. Crowther Smith)—Will you accept service in the other action?

Mr. Smith—Not without instructions.

Mr. Davidson—My friend admittedly has no instructions, and his client has left the Colony. I would ask your Lordship to take this case some time next week, or to-morrow morning.

His Lordship (to Mr. Smith)—Will you ascertain whether your client is here?

Mr. Smith—Yes, I will see him myself.

His Lordship—We will take the case to-morrow morning at 11 o'clock.

Mr. Smith—I cannot be ready by then.

Mr. Davidson—If my friend knew anything about his case it would be another thing to allow an adjournment.

Mr. Smith—I know what the defence is.

Mr. Davidson—Perhaps your Lordship will adjourn it for a week on the understanding that there will not be a further adjournment.

His Lordship—Very well.

WORKING OFF JUDGMENTS.

Dyagar Singh sued A. M. Costa to recover \$147.30.

Defendant admitted the debt, but asked to be allowed to pay by instalments.

His Lordship—How much can you pay?

Defendant—\$5.

Mr. Gardiner, who appeared for the plaintiff, said the defendant would be paying off his last instalment on another judgment next month.

His Lordship—How much do you suggest he should pay after that?

Mr. Gardiner—\$25 a month.

His Lordship (to defendant)—When is the last instalment on the other judgment?

Defendant—At the end of February.

His Lordship—I see no reason why he should not pay \$20 after the last instalment.

Mr. Gardiner—What in the meantime?

His Lordship—Nothing in the meantime.

Mr. Gardiner—I'd ask for a small amount. His wages are very good.

His Lordship (to defendant)—What is your salary?

Defendant—\$70 a month, but I have two judgments against me, on one of which I pay instalments of \$20 a month, and on the other of \$5 a month.

His Lordship—When will the \$5 be finished?

Defendant—In September or October of this year.

His Lordship entered judgment for plaintiff, the amount to be paid by instalments of \$20 monthly, the first instalment on April 1st.

A FUGITIVE IN DIFFICULTIES.

The action in which H. Price & Co. sued R. H. Whitaker to recover \$445.15 was again mentioned.

Mr. P. W. Goldring, who represented the defendant, said his client was prepared to consent to judgment if his Lordship would grant a stay of execution for fourteen days. Defendant's affairs were somewhat involved, and his creditors were considering a very advantageous composition which had been put to them. Intervention in this action was issued it was liable to spoil all.

Mr. Jackson, who appeared for the plaintiff, objected to the stay.

His Lordship—No other judgment can come in before you.

Mr. Jackson—I do not see why we should be prejudiced.

Mr. Goldring—You cannot be prejudiced in any way.

His Lordship—If you think the man is going away—

Mr. Jackson—We don't know what he is going to do. A lot of things may happen within fourteen days.

Mr. Goldring—The composition will be as advantageous to my friend as to any of the other creditors concerned.

His Lordship—I think I will grant a stay, with liberty to the plaintiffs to apply.

Mr. Goldring—I will put my friend in possession of all the facts.

His Lordship—There will be judgment for the plaintiff with costs, and a stay of execution for fourteen days, with liberty to apply.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK DIVIDEND.

We are officially authorised to state that, subject to audit, the Directors of the Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation will recommend at the forthcoming meeting:—
A dividend of £2 per share.
A bonus of 5/6.
Add to the Silver Reserve Fund. \$250,000
Carry forward about 2,000,000

LOCAL SPORT

FIXTURES AT A GLANCE.

League Cricket.

Police v. Kowloon.
Happy Valley.
K.O.Y.L.I. v. Craignower.
Military Ground, 2 p.m.

TEAMS.

Craignower:—L. E. Lammert, H. H. Taylor, W. H. Vives, L. A. Rose, R. A. Carvalho, J. V. Braga, E. D. Braga, J. D. Noris, P. Currie, C. J. Higinbotham and R. Bass.

Other Cricket.

H.K.C.C. v. Garrison.
Club Ground, 1.45 p.m.
Kowloon "A" v. R.G.A.
Craignower "A" v. Naval Yard.

TEAMS.

H.K.C.C. "A":—E. B. O. Bird, E. A. S. Fowler, H. Hancock, E. Hancock, C. A. Hastings, M. M. Mays, T. F. Pearce, C. F. Shackleton, H. D. Sharpin, W. C. D. Turner and Rev. S. W. Payne.

H.K. CRICKET LEAGUE.

The following is the table up to date:—

Club.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
Yorks...	4	3	1	—	75.00
R.E....	4	3	1	—	62.50
The Remnants...	7	3	2	2	42.85
Civil Service...	5	2	3	—	40.00
Hongkong...	8	3	2	3	37.50
E.G.A....	6	2	3	1	35.53
Kowloon...	6	2	2	2	25.00
Craignower...	6	1	1	4	15.66
H.K. Police...	8	1	7	—	12.50

Football.

H.M.S. Kent v. H.K.F.C.
Happy Valley, 4.30 p.m.

TEAM.

H.K.F.C.:—Full back, H. G. Hogarty; Three-quarters, E. A. Wood, T. E. S. Robson, A. A. Claxton, and J. C. Roberts; Halves, T. Coaker and J. Clarke; Forwards, A. H. Reins, W. Ross, C. C. F. Cunningham, J. Bell-Irving, A. Temperley, A. Murdoch, D. G. Cheesman and J. F. McGregor.

H.K. FOOTBALL LEAGUE.

CANTON.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.]

January 12th.

THE GAMBLING QUESTION.

Since his arrival the Viceroy has had several consultations with the various officials regarding the suppression of gambling. It is reported that H. E. has expressed his opinion that it is not wise to be in such a hurry to abolish the system and that it will be quite impossible for it to be suppressed in the succeeding year. H. E. says that immediate steps should be taken to find additional sources of revenue, and says that it would be the height of folly to suppress gambling before these sources are discovered. He says that he is willing to grant a monopoly in the tobacco trade, and he has reminded his subordinates that the Treasury will not long be able to count on any revenue from the opium traffic. It would appear that since his visit to the capital H. E. has somewhat gone back on his word, for he formerly promised to undertake the suppression of gambling as soon as he took office. His Excellency is described as being a very capable man, but very proud. He is said to have made some of the older officials quake in their shoes when he investigated their modes of procedure. Great things are expected of him, but already he appears to have several who are anything but disposed to be friendly toward him.

A HARSH ACTION.

Now that the winter has set in a cotton quilt has been supplied to each of the newly trained troops at a cost of \$3.40 each. When they were issued each man was told that he would have to pay for his quilt, but that payment would be extended over a period of four months. On the succeeding pay day, however, the paymaster deducted the whole amount from the month's pay, thus cutting down their monthly money by nearly fifty per cent. This harsh action has caused a great deal of dissatisfaction.

A DESETER.

A soldier attached to the artillery was guilty of a breach of discipline and ran away to avoid punishment. He was arrested and sentenced to a term of imprisonment in the barracks lock-up. Making an excuse to go to the latrine he again escaped, and the guard who was responsible for his safe custody knew nothing of it. By and by his absence was discovered, and search was made without a trace of the man being found. The affair was reported to the colonel of the regiment, who severely reprimanded the guard, and sentenced him to imprisonment until the missing man be found.

OFFICIAL DISMISSED.

After holding office for only two months, the head of the Fatsan police has been dismissed from his post. There have been numerous complaints as to his conduct, not the least serious being that he has befriended constables found guilty of robbery. There is a queer story, however, told in respect of this man's dismissal. Three weeks ago when the Fatsan processions were on, it was expected that the Taoist of Police would arrive, and the local chief prepared a big feast to welcome him. The Taoist, however, did not arrive and the giver of the feast was much annoyed. He said things about the Taoist which had been left unsaid and they were reported to the Great Man. Now the Fatsan chief is to go.

OLD OFFICIALS.

Some of the officials are of great age and are not capable of carrying out the duties entrusted to them. This, especially in naval and military circles, is a serious matter, and the Minister of War has just sent a dispatch to the Viceroy ordering him to approve all old and incompetent officials of their posts and give them to younger and more vigorous men. H. E. has notified this fact to those in charge of the Provincial Forces.

BLACKMAILING A STUDENT.

A student of the Normal School recently became sick and went over to Honan to live in the house of a doctor until he became well. A few days after some robbers sent a letter saying that unless a sum of \$3,000 was forthcoming by a certain date he would be killed. The young man became alarmed and fled back to the Normal College. On the day appointed a gang of thieves presented themselves at the doctor's house and were greatly disappointed to find that the object of their quest had gone. The student has since appealed to the Pun Yu Magistrate for protection.

PIRACY.

The day before yesterday three boats laden with fish were on their way from Shun Tak to the Canton market. Having arrived at a place called Tai Wing Kan, not far from Canton, they were held up by a gang of over 20 pirates armed with quickfiring guns. The boats being entirely unarmed, no resistance was given, and the pirates made away with more than \$200 worth of plunder. The strange thing is that this affair happened at 3.30 in the afternoon in full view of a guard-boat. When such things as this can happen it is small wonder that the people have but slight confidence in their defenders.

KWONG TUNG DIALECTS.

The Kwong Tung Province presents an astonishing variety of dialects, so much so that persons from different districts are hardly intelligible one to the other. The Educational Commissioner has taken this matter up and has directed that from two to three hours a day must be devoted in every Government School to the teaching of Mandarin. In the Fukien Province, where the dialectic differences are equally great, a similar course is to be pursued.

DEATH OF A FIREMAN.

During the late fire in Nam On Street, Henam, a fireman was severely wounded by falling from a roof to the ground. He was taken to the To Ma Hospital, but he later succumbed to his injuries. The Kai-fong made a subscription for his relatives and over \$60 have been raised.

THE BUTCHERY MONOPOLY.

In a consultation with the Provincial Treasury the Viceroy wanted to know why the butchery monopoly of this province realised only 200,000 taels, while that of the much poorer province of Kwong Sai realised \$500,000. He gave it as his opinion that money was going into someone's pockets, and expressed his dissatisfaction at the whole concern. Fresh tenders are to be shortly issued for this monopoly.

LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[FROM SOUTHERN PAPERS.]

GUN RUNNING IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

London, December 26th.

Pentor wires from Basra that the British cruiser *Hyacinth* landed a force in the Persian Gulf, in search of arms in connection with the traffic in arms. The *Hyacinth* landed about forty, while the British lost fourteen killed and wounded.

Later.

It is officially stated that the *Hyacinth* affray took place at Dibal, near Lingah. Three the *Hyacinth* and a sergeant of marines were killed. One bluejacket is still missing. Five bluejackets and four marines were wounded.

London, December 28th.

The *Times* states that one result of the engagement at Dibal will probably be the prompt termination of any further attempt to develop arms traffic through the ports of tribal chiefs. The incident, coupled with the seizure of arms in the spring, shows that Britain can greatly restrict and possibly suppress the traffic.

The *Daily Telegraph*, in an article on gun-

running in the Persian Gulf and anarchy in Southern Persia, says that there are only two things to be done. They must be done with decision. The first necessity is the further strengthening of the patrolling squadron, but the origin of the mischief lies in the State of Persia. Temporary intervention appears inevitable.

THE FIGHTING IN THE PERSIAN GULF.

London, December 30th.

Two more names of the *Hyacinth* who were wounded at Dibal, as reported on the 26th instant, have since died.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND THE ARMY.

Allahabad, December 27th.

The *Pioneer's* London correspondent writes that the Headquarters Conference at Eton has passed a resolution regretting the lowering of the minimum age of entry into Westleigh and Sandhurst. Dr. James, of Malvern, moving the resolution, said that the Army Council contemplated lowering the age still further. Dr. Somerville, of Eton, suggested that the conference should point out that the shortage of officers could be remedied by raising the supernumerary limit. The conference agreed to approach the Army Council on the subject.

AVIATOR AND PASSENGER BOTH KILLED.

London, December 28th.

Reuter wires from Paris that Laffont, the aviator after ascending at Issy-les-Moulineaux and making a circuit of the flying-ground, preparatory to undertaking a flight to Brussels, fell thirty feet. Both the aviator and his passenger, M. Pola, were killed.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S PARIS TALKS.

London, December 28th.

Mr. Lloyd George now explains that the interview published by *L'Humanite* is authentic, but contained inaccuracies.

Mr. Lloyd George was subsequently interviewed by *Le Matin*. He said that the new Budget would provide for an increase of ten million sterling in the naval estimates. He added that the Liberal Government desires to have a navy giving it indisputable superiority. No sacrifice would appear too heavy to secure that superiority.

This announcement has produced a good effect in France.

THE HOUNDSDITCH DISCOVERIES.

London, December 28th.

The police attach much importance to discoveries made in the room at Stepney occupied by the man who lost his life in connection with the Houndsditch affray. The police, it is believed, have lighted on appliances for the complete process of the manufacture of bombs. Letters were also found indicating a far-reaching organization.

More houses are being searched to-day.

Documents discovered in connection with the Houndsditch murders have been translated, and reveal a widespread organization, embracing Russia, France, and Austria. Police enquiries are still being made at St. Petersburg, Moscow, Vienna, and Paris, with a view to ascertaining whether the organization is political or criminal, or robbery for political purposes.

THE SCOTTISH EXPRESS DISASTER.

London, December 29th.

At the inquest held to-day on the victims of the Midland Railway disaster the guard stated that the train was travelling at fifty-five miles an hour. He believed that an hour passed before the third carriage caught fire. The carriages could not be detached because they were derailed. The sky was black and a gale was blowing.

RE-DISTRIBUTING THE BRITISH NAVY.

London, December 28th.

The *Daily Chronicle* states that three submarines go to Gibraltar shortly, three to Malta, and three more to the Far East. The battleships *Triumph* and *Swiftsure* will re-appear in the China Station, while the powerful *Lord Nelson* and *Agamemnon* will replace them in the Mediterranean.

TERRIBLE CHRISTMAS "HOLIDAYS" AT THE RAND MINES.

London, December 29th.

Reuter telegraphs from Johannesburg that furious native faction fights have occurred in the workings of the Rand mines during the Christmas holidays, and many were killed and wounded. One of the leaders was separated from his comrades and beaten to a pulp.

The police were attacked with assegais, whereupon they fired, killing three natives.

OBITUARY.

London, December 29th.

The deaths are announced of the lawn tennis player, Reginald Doherty, who has been long ill and only returned from Switzerland yesterday; and of Lord Wrottesley, who recently broke his leg as the result of a fall.

The death is announced of Mr. D. S. L. Butcher, M.P. for Cambridge University.

THE PERSIAN QUESTION AND FOREIGN OFFICERS.

London, December 30th.

The *Times* correspondent at Teheran states that Italy has refused to provide officers for the Persian gendarmerie, probably owing to the objection of Great Britain and Russia to the introduction of officers belonging to a great Power. Application will probably be made to Sweden.

THE PAYMENT OF BRITISH M.P.'S.

London, December 30th.

The *Times* is informed that the Government has notified the labour party that the salaries of Members of the House of the Commons will be £500 a year.

A CROP OF ELECTION PETITIONS.

London, December 30th.

Petitions have been presented in connection with the elections at West St. Pancras, East Nottingham, West Bromwich, King's Lynn, and North Louth.

THE CHURCH'S MESSAGE TO THE BRITISH PEOPLE.

London, December 30th.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, in his New Year's message, referring to politics in 1910, issues a warning against an impetuous election. His Grace invokes the blessing of the Lord on the year 1911, "when kingsfolk from afar will gather at our central shrine and join their prayers with ours at the coronation of our King."

DEATH OF A VETERAN SCHOOLMASTER.

London, December 31st.

The death is announced of Dr. Baker, late Headmaster of Merchant Taylors School.

ESPIONAGE TRIAL.

Further details of the Leipzig case.

Further details of the trial at Leipzig of Captain Trench and Lieutenant Brandon on a charge of espionage state that the trial opened before a crowded court, Naval and Military uniforms were much in evidence. The Public Prosecutor asked that the witness should be given to the case. The British Press were constantly talking of German spying and of preparations for invasion, and here were British officers, whose papers and own admissions showed that they were gathering information with a view to attacking Germany. The presiding Judge agreed that the trial should be given as much publicity as possible.

The prisoners reacted promptly and calmly in German to a long interrogation. Brandon said that he intended to collect information and place it at the disposal of a person whom he designated as "Heggie," belonging to the Intelligence Bureau of the Admiralty. Both prisoners admitted visiting and taking notes and photographing numerous details at a number of places on the north coast of Germany. Brandon was arrested among the guns at Borkum, which Trench had previously visited. They were separated accidentally. The general drift of the defence was that the prisoners, despite their intentions, did not actually communicate anything to a third party. An expert from the German Admiralty testified that the notes seized were undoubtedly intended for use in war.

The court set in camera to hear the report of the expert on the military value of accused's notes. The British official representative being excluded. The court resumed in public in the afternoon. The Public Prosecutor asked that a sentence of six years in a fortress be passed. It was a case, he said, of genuine spying, impeding the safety of the coast. Counsel for the defence argued that the offence was not completed, because the information was not communicated to a third party.

Everyone connected with the case formed the most favourable opinion of Trench and Brandon, whose courage, discretion, and good sense he believed largely to have contributed to the comparatively mild sentence. The tone of the proceedings was almost friendly, and the two officers were on the best terms with all about them. The papers agreed that the verdict (four years imprisonment in a fortress) cannot be regarded with surprise, nor, though heavy, can the sentence be considered unreasonable. They acknowledge the dignified and fair conduct of the trial.

VALUE OF THE CORONATION.

There was never greater need than now to hedge government with divinity. There is need to preach anew the apostolic message, that "the powers that be are ordained of God." But religion affords the supreme sanction of government. For religion, or at least Christianity, teaches that a hereditary or elective governor, as soon as he attains his office becomes invested with a certain Divine sanction; and the King is the head of the State, so the Divine sanction resting upon him is supreme. The historical connection of the Church in England with the State, the most august and sacred is the Coronation of the Sovereign in Westminster Abbey. No other ceremony can vie with it in dignity or antiquity. The nearest approach to it was once the Coronation of the Kings of France in the Cathedral of Rheims; but that Coronation has passed away, and the Coronation in Westminster Abbey still survives. It can be traced back in unbroken line to the day when the Crown of England was laid by an Archbishop's trembling hands before the high altar of the Abbey Church upon the *Woolf's* of the Conqueror.

What is the effect of the Coronation service? It is the "securing" or consecration of the Sovereign. He enters the Abbey as the hereditary successor to the Throne; he leaves it as the consecrated representative of God. But if there were no national Church, the Coronation service would in all probability die a natural death. For a mixed Coronation service, in which the clergy of all the Churches would participate, is a practical impossibility. The Coronation service must be the service of one Church.

If there were no national Church, it is far more probable that the King would be religiously crowned at one time in Westminster Abbey, and at another in Westminster Cathedral, and at another in the City Temple. But it is the Coronation which is the highest title of the Throne to the homage of the nation. I would earnestly beg the advocates of Disestablishment to reflect whether, in the name of religious equality, they may not imperil the historical religious character of British Sovereignty altogether.—*Nineteenth Century*.

OPIMUM IN THE STRAITS.

WHAT IS HAPPENING.

Dr. Locke, in an interview with the *Pingang Gazette*, dealt with the proposed income tax among other matters. On one point he said: "The restrictions on the opium trade are intended to do away with it altogether in a few years, because of the alleged harmful effects of opium. Little do the Government and the anti-opium fanatics realise that the consumption of drink is increasing rapidly, especially brandy. From my own observations, supported by what I hear from those who sell the stuff, I know this to be the case. The anti-opiumists are simply replacing one evil by another, which is worse for the people physically and morally. The remedy is to heavily increase the duties on spirituous liquors and then they would be consistent. Apart from the question of an income tax, a move in this direction might be taken for purposes of raising additional revenue."

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth in their weekly share report dated 13th January state:—

The improvement in enquiry for local stocks referred to in our last has become more general during the past week, and though the volume of business transacted has again been small, we have, in most instances, further advanced, and the market closes with a tendency towards further firmness. Sterling "rubbers" in the early part of the week, advanced to a limited extent, but the advantage has since been lost, and the market closes in about the same position as last reported. Singapore confines more or less lifeless so far as "rubbers" are concerned and quotations are mostly nominal. Fine Hard Para Rubber closes in London at 52½ per lb. with seller, and the share market weak. The Bank of England rate of discount is unchanged at 4½ per cent., but the open market rate has hardened to 3½ per cent., and the Sterling T. T. on London at 110½. Shanghai T. T. closes at 74, and the Bank's buying rate for 30 days bills at 74½.

BANKS—Hongkong and Shanghai have further improved their position, and can now be placed at \$905. London now quotes \$38 buyers. Nationals are still enquired for at \$80.

MARINE INSURANCES.—The feature of the period under review has been the rapid advance in North China, which, under the scheme for amalgamation with the Union Insurance Society of Canton, proposed by the latter corporation, makes five shares in the former company worth one share in the latter, plus \$35 in cash, or \$7 for each share held, or, roughly, \$180 each. Rates in the early part of the week were effected at Tls. 135, and later at Tls. 145 to Tls. 160, the latter being the closing quotation with buyers. Unions have been done at \$27½, and Cantons at \$182½, the latter closing with sellers. China Traders and Yangtzes are unchanged and without local business.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongkongs have been booked at \$365, which is the closing quotation with probable sellers. China have improved to \$422 with buyers after sales at \$120.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have been done at \$30 and \$30½, and the latter rate more shares are wanted. Indo-China are firm, and can now be placed at \$55. China and Macao continue on offer at \$7½ and \$8½, but without attracting attention. Singapore are unchanged at \$23 and \$12 for the old and new issues, respectively, and without business to report. Shell Transports have buyers at the improved rate of \$3½, but shares are scarce and little or nothing has been done.

REFINERIES.—China Sugars continue on offer at \$124 and Lurons at the reduced rate of \$20.

MINING.—Chinese Engineerings have declined to Tls. 14 sellers. Rubbers are quiet at \$5, and Charbonnages unchanged at \$700.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks are wanted at \$52 after sales at the rate, and Kowloon Wharves are also in request at \$54. New Amoy Docks, Shanghai Docks, and Shanghai and Hongkong Wharves are unchanged and without local business.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands are firm with probable buyers at \$99. There are buyers of Kowloon Lands at \$53½, West Point at \$30, and Humphreys Estates at \$53½. Hongkong Hotels have advanced to \$103 and \$63 for the old and new issues, respectively, with buyers.

CORRUGATED MILLS.—Hongkongs have sold at \$44 and \$45, market closing with buyers at the former rate. Latest quotations by mail for the Northern Mills are as follows: Ewos Tls. 65, International Tls. 46½, Loon Kung Mows Tls. 55, and Soy Chies Tls. 245.

MISCELLANEOUS.—China Providents have improved to \$8 with buyers. Dairy Farms are wanted at \$18, Lees at \$127½, Union Water at \$7, China Lights at \$93, Team Laundry at \$52 and Watsons at \$52. Bones have been booked at the improved rate of \$13½, and Cements at \$32. There are sellers of Peak Trans at \$3½ (old) and \$4½ (new), and of United Alabasters at \$3½.

RUBBERS.—Sales have been booked of Ayer Park at \$1, \$5½, Rubber Trunks at 15½, premium and United Serdangs at 109½, the latter to London. Closing quotations—middle prices—received by wire from London to-day are as follows:—

Highlands and Lowlands ... 93½
Leabury ... 65½
London Asiatics ... 12½
London Ventures ... 49
United Serdangs ... 110½
Allagars ... 43
Batu Tigas ... 78
Sapongas ... 25½
Linging ... 42½
Eastern and International Trusts 106 prem.

THE EXPERIENCES OF A CUSTOMS LAUNCH.

SUICIDE OF THE ENGINEER.

The Manila *Chabonca* of the 10th inst. contains the following account of the voyage to Manila of the launch built for the Philippines Customs by Messrs. Macdonald & Co., of Hongkong:—

Harbor No. 1, the customs launch which left Hongkong for Manila on December 19th, and was given up as lost by the customs officials, came into port on Sunday morning, in tow of the steamer *Longsight* after being picked up a few miles outside of Corrigador.

Captain Gillan of the *Longsight* tells a tale of hardship and deprivation, such as is seldom heard of outside of time novels.

When two days out of Hongkong, the boilers broke down, and the vessel was left adrift on the roughest part of the China Sea. Engineer McKinnon, thinking the little vessel had no chance of being saved, jumped overboard and disappeared in the water.

After five days, the captain and the crew managed to rig up a mast, and using the awning as a sail, made for the Philippine Islands. The vessel had only been provisioned for a short trip, and within a few days the crew found themselves reduced to a diet of one biscuit a day, and what water they could lick up from the wet spots on the deck. They suffered terribly and when they reached a point where nature could no longer bear the enforced deprivation of food, when on New Year's Day they were sighted by the Norwegian steamer *Brand*, bound from Australia to Hongkong, which offered to pick them up and tow the launch back to Hongkong.

This offer the captain refused, as he was within a hundred miles of Manila and thought that he could reach his destination without much trouble provided he had sufficient provisions. Accordingly, they took on provisions and continued their journey. On Sunday morning they were picked up by the steamer *Longsight* on the verge of a nervous breakdown when he reached *Terra firma*, but felt better yesterday.

STORIES FROM MANY SOURCES.

An umbrella caused a panic in the Church of the Sacred Heart in Montmartre. The heady found the umbrella—which had a curiously large knob on the handle—and saw the knob unscrewed. He opened it, then put the umbrella down with the utmost care, and rushed out of the church, shouting "Fire, murder, dynamite, bomb!" The congregation dispersed quickly, giving the umbrella a wide berth. The police arrived, telephoned for a water cart, put the umbrella carefully into it and took it to the municipal laboratory. There it was examined. The hollow knob on the handle contained a packet of needles, a hobbin of red silk, and a silver bottle of holy water.

Of curious petitions against the death penalty enforced, one recalls the eighteenth-century case of William Ryland, who was sentenced for forging a bill for \$7,114 on the East India House. The forgery was a work of art. No less than thirty signatures were imitated, and at the trial not one of the victims could swear that the signature was not his own. However, with the help of the paper manufacturers Ryland's guilt was brought home. Then came the petition of his friends. So clever a man ought never to be hanged, they pleaded; his craftsmanship should save him. It gained him a reprieve, but he was allowed to finish a fine engraving he had begun. But nothing more. Though the engraver was a favourite of George the Third, that King quite failed to see how a forgery could be excused on the ground that it was a clever forgery.

Election humours are the order of the day in the papers now arriving from Home. By way of illustrating the keenness of party feeling, Mrs. Arnold-Forster, in the *Memoirs* of her late husband, Mr. H. O. Arnold-Forster, mentions the case of one Unionist voter in West Lifford on the day of the poll the wife rose up early in the morning, gathered her husband's clothing together, and decamped with every stitch the poor man could wear, hoping thus to keep him from the poll. In this disconsolate condition he was found some hours later by the Unionist canvasser, but they were equal to the occasion. Hastily wrapping him up in blankets, they carried him off to the polling booth, and in this strange outfit he recorded his vote, much to the annoyance of the Nationalist women of his district, who had sided with his discomfited better half.

Probably the only man of note who ever spread a false report of his own death was Lord Broughton. One day Broughton's friend, Alfred Montgomery, received a letter purporting to come from Lord Broughton, informing him that Lord Broughton had been thrown from his carriage and killed. Sorry as he was for the loss of his friend, Montgomery could not resist the strange fascination of being the first to tell of his death. He rushed off with the news to Lady Blessington at Kensington Gore, and then posted off to Lord Wellesley, at that time living near Windsor, dropping the news as he passed at the Castle. Next day obituary notices filled all the morning papers. Chagrin was mingled with amusement when it turned out that Lord Broughton was still alive, and well, and had himself perpetrated the hoax in order to see what would be said of him by the obituary writers.

Mr. A. C. Benson, who has an article in *Cornhill* upon Henry Sidgwick, the well-known writer upon ethics, relates the following anecdote: "Sidgwick had a wonderful verbal memory, and could quote copiously and accurately. He told us once that he had discovered a method of defying sea-sickness on a Channel crossing—which was to take his stand in some secluded part of the vessel, and to pour out audibly and rhetorically his repository of English verse, accompanying it with a good deal of onomatopoeic gestation. He said that he could go repeating poetry continuously, if he did not force the pace, for about a couple of hours. I believe that the first experiment was successful, and that he secured immunity from nausea. But he said that the second time that he tried it, he was interrupted by one of the officers, with a message from the captain, begging him to descend on the ground that some of the lady passengers were frightened by his behaviour, being under the impression that he was mentally deranged. He complied with the request, and, deprived of his intellectual prophylactic, his brain succumbed to physical sensations."

In the good old days money intended to further political interests sometimes went astray. Once when a by-election was pending in Yorkshire, Pitt, paying a social visit to a certain great lady of Whig persuasions, banteringly remarked: "Well, the election is all right for us. Ten thousand guineas for the use of our side go down to Yorkshire to-night by a sure hand." "The devil they do!" responded the lady. "That night the bearer of the treasure was stopped by a highwayman on the Great North Road, and the ten thousand guineas were used to procure the return of the Whig candidate."

One of the cleverest bits of electioneering dodgery was devised by an agent who had been forbidden to corrupt the electors. He called a meeting and attended with his pockets full of gold. "I have to inform you, gentlemen," he began, "that there is to be no bribery on our side during this election. (Heard, heard) For my part I do not intend to give away a penny piece. (Uneasy silence.) But I am afraid there are some d—d rascals in this room, and that presently they will lay me on the table and take 500 sovereigns out of my pockets." The next few minutes he spent upon the table.

THE UNPARALLELED BRITISH RAILWAY ACCIDENT.

AGGREGATION OF HORRORS.

London, December 25th.

The accident to the up Midland Scottish express occurred at a very isolated spot. It was quite dark until the fire broke out. By a vehicle except the end brake-van was seen by a piece. Meanwhile, the unfortunates passengers did their utmost to help the others and extricate them from their predicament.

Special relief trains conveyed the injured to Carlisle. Search among the ruined coaches revealed charred human remains. Doctors from Kirby Stephen, Hawes and Skipton rendered splendid service.

There was one very painful incident. A Hampshire lady and gentleman, travelling to Glasgow, saw their child burned to death.

Some of the bodies were charred beyond recognition. There were many miraculous escapes.

London, December 26th.

The horror of the disaster to the Scotch express containing Christmas holiday-makers is unparalleled in the railway annals of Great Britain. No detail was wanting to complete the terrible scene: flames-bursting out of the *Edinboro*, rain falling in torrents, and a high wind blowing, at six o'clock on a pitch dark December morning. The fragments of bodies are hardly recognizable as the remains of human beings. It is doubtful whether identification is possible.

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The signalman at Hawes junction admitted that he made a mistake, having forgotten that two light engines for Carlisle were on the main line waiting to be switched off, being unable to see them owing to the raging storm. Receiving a call for the Scotch express, he signalled it through. The drivers of the light engines took the signals for themselves and started for Carlisle. The hindmost, observing the lights of the express, became aware of the awful danger, whistled continuously and put on full steam, while the express applied the brakes without avail.

The signalman has

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J. SCOTT HARTON,
Chairman.
Hongkong, 14th January, 1911. [185]

TO LET—FURNISHED.

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Hongkong, 14th January, 1911. [185]

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

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NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD,
MELCHERS & Co.,
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Hongkong, 12th January, 1911. [5]

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MANAGER,
HONGKONG DAILY PRESS OFFICE.
Hongkong, 22nd November, 1910. [1307]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

THE Undersigned have This Day MOVED their Offices to No. 2, CONNAUGHT ROAD CENTRAL, (3rd Floor).
DENNIS & BOWLEY,
Solicitors and Notaries.
Hongkong, 2nd January, 1911. [132]

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

H. M. H. NEMAZEE HAS REMOVED from No. 6, Des Voeux Road to No. 10, DES VOEUX ROAD.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1911. [177]

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THE Undersigned having been Appointed AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to accept Risks against Fires at Current Rates.
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Hongkong, 19th December, 1910. [1402]

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Hongkong, 21st February, 1910. [316]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE WEST POINT BUILDING COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on FRIDAY, the 21st January, 1911, at 11.45 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1910.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED on TUESDAY, 17th January, to FRIDAY, 27th January, 1911 (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.
General Agents for
THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1911. [178]

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT AND AGENCY COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Company's Office, Victoria Buildings, on FRIDAY, the 27th January, 1911, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1910.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from TUESDAY, 17th January, to FRIDAY, 27th January, 1911 (both days inclusive), during which period no transfer of Shares can be registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1911. [179]

THE CHINA PRUDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

THE FOURTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, No. 6, Connaught Road, on SATURDAY, 28th January, 1911, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1910, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditor.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 25th January, 1911, until SATURDAY, the 28th January, 1911, both days inclusive.
SHEWAN TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 12th January, 1911. [180]

NOTICES OF FIRMS

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. WILHELM HELMS in our Firm CEASED as from the 31st December, 1910.
ARNOLD, KAREBERG & Co.
Hongkong, 1st January, 1911. [136]

NOTICE.

THE BUSINESS of the Drapery Co. carried on at No. 10, D'Aguiar Street has been Sold and Transferred to WASSIAMULL ASSOMULL & Co., as from the 2nd January, 1911. All Debts due to and from the Drapery Co. up to that Date will be Collected and Paid by S. A. MARICAN, of No. 63, Des Voeux Road Central, and all Debts incurred by or to the Drapery Co. after that Date will be Collected and Paid by WASSIAMULL ASSOMULL & Co. of No. 46, Queen's Road Central.
S. A. MARICAN,
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W. ASSOMULL.
Hongkong, 13th January, 1911. [183]

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INTIMATIONS

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the "HONGKONG HOTEL," Hongkong, on FRIDAY, the 27th day of JANUARY, 1911, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon, when the proposed Resolutions which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on Thursday, the 12th day of January, 1911, will be submitted for Confirmation as Special Resolutions:

(1) That Article No. 70 of the Articles of Association of the Company, which now reads:—
"The Directors shall have power from time to time and at any time to appoint any other persons to be Directors, but so that the total number of Directors shall not at any time exceed seven and so that no appointment under this clause shall have effect unless two-thirds at least of the Directors concur therein,"

be amended by eliminating the word "seven" in the third line of such Article and by substituting the word "five" therefor, and also by eliminating the words "two-thirds at least" in the fourth line of such Article and by substituting the words "a majority" therefor.

(2) That Article No. 72 of the Articles of Association of the Company, which now reads:—

"The Directors other than the General Managers shall be paid out of the funds of the Company by way of remuneration for their services a commission of Five per cent. of the net profits of the Company for each year provided that such profits amount to Seven per cent. of the capital of the Company and such remuneration shall be divided among them in such proportions and manner as the Directors may determine and in default equally."

be amended by eliminating therefrom the words "provided that such profits amount to Seven per cent. of the capital of the Company" in the third and fourth lines thereof and by substituting in lieu thereof the words:—
"provided that such commission shall not in any one year exceed the sum of \$5,000."

(3) That Article No. 82 of the Articles of Association of the Company, which now reads:—

"The remuneration of the General Managers shall be \$8,000 per annum to cover office rent and salaries of Secretary and clerks and a commission of 5 per cent. of the net profit of the Company for each year of such profits as amount to 7 per cent. of the Capital of the Company."

be amended by eliminating the words "that such profits amount to 7 per cent. of the capital of the Company" contained in the fourth and fifth lines of the Articles in question.

(4) That Article No. 105 of the Articles of Association of the Company be struck out and that in lieu thereof the two following further Articles be added, namely:—
"No. 105.

"Notice of the Declaration of any Dividends whether interim or otherwise shall be given to the holders of registered shares by advertisement in manner hereinafter provided and no dividend shall bear interest as against the Company and a dividend shall not be deemed a specialty."

No. 105A.
"All dividends unclaimed for one year after having been declared may be invested or otherwise made use of by the Directors for the benefit of the Company until claimed and all dividends unclaimed for five years after having been declared may be forfeited by the Directors for the benefit of the Company."

(5) That the above Resolutions shall be retrospective in their effect and that the alterations in the Articles of Association of the Company thereby effected shall be deemed to have been effected and to come into force as on and from the 1st day of January, 1910.

Dated this 13th day of January, 1911.
By Order of the Board,
JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers. [184]

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

DIE antienten Bekanntmachungen des Kaiserlich Deutschen Konsulats in Canton werden während des Jahres 1911 im OZSIATISCHEN LLOYD, des CANTON WEEKLY NEWS und nach Bedarf auch in der HONGKONG DAILY PRESS veröffentlicht werden.

KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.
Canton, 15. Dezember, 1910. [1403]

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

DIE Bekanntmachungen aus dem geniesigen Handelsregister, sowie andere gesetzlich vorgeschriebene Veröffentlichungen werden im Jahre 1911 durch den

"OSTASIATISCHEN LLOYD" und "HONGKONG DAILY PRESS" erfolgen.

KAISERLICH DEUTSCHES KONSULAT.

Swatan, den 21. Dezember 1910. [1424]

BEKANNTMACHUNG.

DIE antienten Veröffentlichungen des Konsulats Pakhoi-Hollow werden im Jahre 1911 durch den

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Pakhoi, den 20. Dezember 1910. [1453]

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CANTON (Tai Sha Tou) to SIEN TSUN.

		Daily Passenger Trains.	
Miles	STATION	No. 1	No. 3
		A.M.	P.M.
	CANTON (Tai Sha Tou) dep.	7.30	2.00
3.65	SHUIK PAI arr.	7.39	2.09
	dep.	7.42	2.12
7.90	CHU PI arr.	7.53	2.23
	dep.	7.57	2.27
12.95	WU CHUNG arr.	8.08	2.38
	dep.	8.11	2.41
17.09	NAM KONG arr.	8.22	2.52
	dep.	8.26	2.56
21.67	SUN TONG arr.	8.38	3.08
	dep.	8.41	3.11
23.61	TONG MEI arr.	8.46	3.16
	dep.	8.50	3.20
25.54	NGA YEO arr.	8.55	3.25
	dep.	8.58	3.28
29.00	SIEN TSUN arr.	9.07	3.37

SIEN TSUN to CANTON (Tai Sha Tou).

		Daily Passenger Trains.	
Miles	STATION	No. 2	No. 4
		A.M.	P.M.
	SIEN TSUN dep.	9.25	4.00
3.46	NGA YEO arr.	9.34	4.09
	dep.	9.37	4.12
5.39	TONG MEI arr.	9.42	4.17
	dep.	9.46	4.21
7.33	SUN TONG arr.	9.51	4.26
	dep.	9.54	4.29
11.91	NAM KONG arr.	10.06	4.41
	dep.	10.10	4.45
16.42	WU CHUNG arr.	10.21	4.56
	dep.	10.24	4.59
21.10	CHU PI arr.	10.35	5.10
	dep.	10.39	5.14
25.37	SHUIK PAI arr.	10.50	5.25
	dep.	10.53	5.28
29.00	CANTON (Tai Sha Tou) arr.	11.02	5.37

This Cancels previous Time Table.

By Order,

THE ADMINISTRATION.

Canton, 6th January, 1911. [181]

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Hongkong, 4th January, 1911. [114]

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Hongkong, 1st December, 1909. [154]

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Apply—
CHATER & MODY.
Hongkong, 7th December, 1910. [121]

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Hongkong, 14th January, 1911. [113]

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A LILY OF THE HILLS.

Our friends landed at one of the *hato* boats or stone jetties on the Bund of the English Settlement, and the skipper led the way to the Belle Vue Hotel, where they agreed to have tiffin together before doing anything further, as it was now nearly twelve o'clock.

The eighties which met Morton's gaze reminded him somewhat of Shanghai. There were the money-getting Europeans hurrying to and fro in high garments, with helmets and moustache-like tops; the tickle coolies, or *kurumans*, as they are called in Japan, rushing about between the shafts of their strange vehicles; the cargo men chatting monotonously and carrying huge loads slung from the middle of a stout bamboo pole, the ends of which rested upon their shoulders; the pedlars with their fruits, viands, sweets and millet cakes; the pipe sellers and cleaners; and the quacks and barbers with their small many-drawer cabinets. There were also pretty little *moussies* briskly tripping along in their quaint *kimonos* and *obis*. But what most attracted Morton's attention was the cleanliness and cheerfulness of these people, their inherent good manners, and their civility to one another, particularly to foreigners to whom their charming obscurity was really *apogee*.

About everyone and everything there was something refreshingly original yet distinctly Oriental, except where Occidental thought or influence prevailed, often resulting in a grotesque blending of the two which offended the artistic eye.

The Belle Vue Hotel, which was formerly the British Consulate, occupied a commanding position on the high hills to the South of the English Settlement, but Morton and the skipper did not feel inclined for a long climb, so after crossing the aqueduct bridge they hired a couple of *kurumans*, who negotiated these heights in gallant style, soon depositing them in safety at the imposing entrance of the hotel, from which a splendid view of the harbour was obtainable, though this pleasing prospect hardly compensated them for the inconvenience of waiting nearly an hour for the meal they ordered. Eventually, however, it was served with many bows, many smiles and many apologies by little Japanese waiters who seemed to know Captain Splice and to hold him in considerable awe.

After lunch and divers whistles and soles, the two men parted company, the skipper returning to the Settlement to transact ship business and Morton going forward to spend a few hours in exploring Nagasaki.

His peregrinations during that afternoon would not interest the reader. Like most other visitors, he made his way into the native quarter, towards Deshima, and soon filled his pockets with the thousand and one artistic trifles which prove so tempting to foreigners: carved ivory and peach stones and ivory boxes, *kurums* and other pieces of precious lacquer ware, tiny silver and bronze gods, embossed purses and mirror cases which the *moussies* carry about in their capacious sleeves; miniature belts, parades and padlocks and other curious knick-knacks too numerous to mention.

When the afternoon sea-breeze came rustling along, tempering the heated atmosphere, he gladly turned his steps towards the hills.

To him there was something elfish and unreal in this willow-patterned land with its droll little people in blue, its quaint shrines and its blue-roofed paper-screened doll-houses; yet to a certain extent the very grotesqueness of his surroundings fascinated him, and he strolled on as one in a pleasurable dream, the time passing swiftly and unheeded.

Twilight was already gilding the sky when he came upon an ancient Shinto temple which lay, embosomed in trees to the left of the path he was following. Passing through two stone torii or portals, consisting of upright columns square in shape with cross-pieces sculptured in places and curving upward at the ends, he traversed a small paved courtyard along the sides of which were some fine vases containing lotus flowers. Then ascending a flight of much-worn steps ornamented with lanterns of blue Arita porcelain, he saw the forms of white-robed priests gliding about in the gloomy interior of the building which had a high-rigged, moss-grown roof thatched with shingles of bark; while on either side of the entrance, which was made imposing by carved and gilded gates of wood, stood a large and beautifully chiselled stone lantern of stone.

He was about to enter this secluded fane, which exhaled sweet odours of incense, when he noticed a small and elegant pair of *zori* or sandals lying on the pavement in the centre of the gateway, so concluding that someone was worshipping there, and not wishing to disturb their devotions, he paused and looked around upon the romantic scene, which was much enhanced by the profusion of flowers with which the temple was surrounded. Among these the tall purple iris and the sacred pink and white lotus seemed to predominate, their delicate blossoms mingling with and being set off by the dark foliage of ferns, palms, and other vegetation which flourished luxuriantly beneath the shade of elm, pine, larch and camphor trees.

While meditating upon the beauty and tranquillity of thisylvan retreat, Morton heard a sound of subdued voices proceeding from the entrance of the temple, and the next moment a tall and graceful Japanese girl, dressed in grey broad silk and black satin *obi*, lined with amber satin, emerged from it followed by a fierce-looking hard-visaged little man who took his place behind her as she turned and slipped her feet into the grey velvet loops of the solitary pair of sandals at the same time four priests in white raiment came to the gateway and standing side by side bowed low to the damsel, who returned the salutation with equal graciousness.

"Omedito gozarimas" (may all be well with you) said the priests in their soft musical language, the eldest of them, a venerable-looking man, extending his hands towards her as though pronouncing a benediction.

She answered in the same words, bending in obedience with the ease and grace of a lily drooping to the wind, her tapering neck and well-poised head giving elegance to her slender form and adding to the quiet dignity which characterized her every movement.

While this elaborate interchange of civilities was going on, Morton had little opportunity of observing the face of this fair *danshi*, though he saw something of its profile. But when she at length turned to depart and with charming *ben shance* paid respect to him with a profound reverence, he was struck with her singular beauty.

Her face was longer and more elliptical than is common among the generality of Japanese

women, and her complexion—though lacking the warm tint of sun-browned ivory and rich damask so much admired by Europeans—was fair and delicate to transparency, her cheeks being only faintly rosy in hue; while her thick jet-black hair was rolled back from the forehead in a high glossy wave and decorated with gold *kanazashi* pins tipped with magnificent sapphires. But her chief comeliness lay in her eyes, which were exceptionally large and deeply fringed with long curling lashes which imparted to them a peculiar softness.

This strangely beautiful damsel now descended the steps and tripped away through the outer court and archway of the temple closely followed by her grim-looking attendant, and when she had gone, the priests, mostly turned and re-entered the sanctuary, at the same time casting inquiring glances towards the stranger from whom they probably expected a visit.

But Morton disappointed them in this respect, his thoughts being concentrated upon the young girl.

"Who is she, I wonder?" he asked himself, seeing that the priests treated her with such unusual deference.

Then acting upon the impulse of the moment, he did not wait many a wiser man might have done: he walked in the direction she had taken, not heeding the deepening shadows which crept across his path and plainly told that night was fast approaching.

Noticing that she had turned to the left after leaving the precincts of the temple, he did likewise, following a path which zig-zagged upward through thickly wooded land.

He had been walking for about ten minutes without seeing anything further of this fair *moussie* or her man, when, on turning a sharp corner, he observed the latter disappearing among the bushes some distance to the right where there was a steep incline. On reaching the spot, he saw a light of moon-glowed steps partly covered over by the interlacing branches of trees. Ascending those, he soon came to another path which brought him to a still more precipitous though far broader flight of steps leading up through two granite arches to a terrace ornamented with *daimio* lanterns and protected by a handsome stone balustrade raised at the back into a finely-shielded screen in the centre of which was a Moorish-like doorway.

Having reached this elevation, he paused and looked back. At his feet were undulating fields of foliage, gorgeous in varied hues of rich veridity above the ultimate margin of which hovered a bluish mantle of mist; and away in the western distance lay the shimmering sea like molten metal streaked with iridescent light, into whose remote depths the Sun had already plunged with a mighty splash of colour which shot upward into a sky deeply furrowed with its fading splendour.

Fascinated with the romantic beauty of the scene and, vaguely wondering what had become of the young girl, he turned and passed forward through the doorway. Then he stopped abruptly.

Close above him and approached by a few broad steps of grey marble was a small though stately temple surrounded by a terrace adorned with flowers and statuary. At the edge of the terrace knelt the object of his quest with her hands clasped in prayer, her head bowed, and in the shadow of the spreading roof of the building the white forms of two priests could be seen with their heads bowed to the west.

A warm crimson glow rested upon the silent motionless figures and imparted to the girl's face an almost supernatural radiance which was enhanced by an expression of sweet serenity and wisdom.

For a minute or two Morton seemed spell-bound with admiration and stood gazing fixedly upon that wonderful face, which became indelibly imprinted upon his memory to be recalled again and again in after days. Then it dawned upon him in a flash that he was seeing most rudely and from very shame he turned and mechanically walked away, his mind being quite bewildered with its impressions. And as he passed across the terrace and down the steps, he was only dimly conscious of the fact that the bluish mist had crept over the woodlands, hiding them from his view, and that the moon was visible in the heavens.

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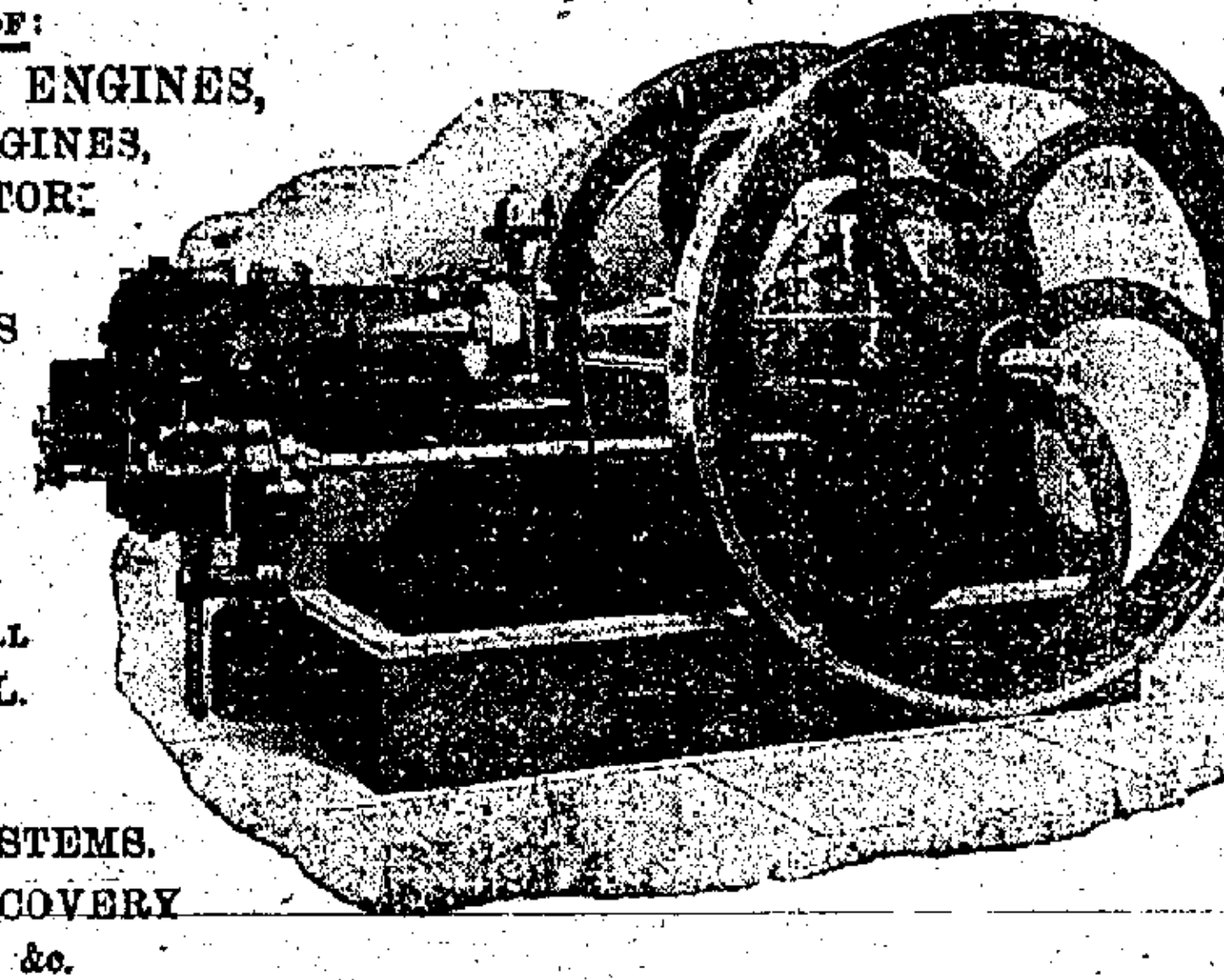
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2/ fy.	Krubong			2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	Kuala Klang			2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	Kuala Lumpur	8.11.0	75%	2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	Kuala Selangor			2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	Labu			2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	Lanadron			2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	Ledbury			2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	Lendu			2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	Linggi			2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	London Asiatic			2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	Lumut Est.			2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	Madras Est.			2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	Malacca 7 1/2 Cam. Partici-			2/ fy.			
2/ fy.	pating Pref			2/ fy.			

AVERAGE MARKET PRICES.

The Prices are given in Dollar Cent.

Par value each share £1. Calls paid up are:	Malayan Companies.	Singapore & Co's Prices, Dec. 7	Dividends
15/ paid	Alor-Pongau	1.4.5	50%
2/ fy.	Anglo-Johore		
17/3	Anglo-Malay	17.10.0	70%
2/ fy.	Bakap		
2/ fy.	Batu Caves		
2/ fy.	Batu Kawan		
2/ fy.	Batu Tiga	5.0.0	10%
2/ fy.	Beramban Selangor		
2/ fy.	Beramban Perak		
2/ fy.	Do. Ordinary		
2/ fy.	Bidor		
2/ fy.	Flands Selangor		
2/ fy.	Bukit Cioh	2.10.0	
2/ fy.	Bukit Kajang		
2/ fy.	Bukit Mertajam	4/1	
2/ fy.	Bukit Selangor	6.5.0	7 1/2%
2/ fy.	Castlefield		
2/ fy.	Chaukat Salak R. and Tin.		
2/ fy.	Cheremese	4/2	
2/ fy.	Chioy Rubber		
2/ fy.	Cicely Ordinary	2.3.0	50%
2/ fy.	Consol. Malay	1.3.3	50%
2/ fy.	Damansara	7.13.3	50%
2/ fy.	Dennistown		
2/ fy.	Edoh Selangor		
2/ fy.	Edoh Selangor		
2/ fy.	Gna Kee (Malacca)		
2/ fy.	Gula-Kalumpung	5.10.0	25%
2/ fy.	H. and Lowlands	5.10.3	20%
2/ fy.	Inch Kenneth	14.0.0	100%
2/ fy.	Johore Para		
2/ fy.	Johore R. Lands		
2/ fy.	Jong-Landor		
2/ fy.	Jugra (Ordinary)		
2/ fy.	K. Pong Kuantan		
2/ fy.	Kamuning "A"		
2/ fy.	Do.	9.10.0	20%
2/ fy.	Kapar Para		
2/ fy.	Kedondong		
2/ fy.	Killinghill		
2/ fy.	Kinta Kelas		
2/ fy.	Klanang		
2/ fy.	Klan-Kelas		
2/ fy.	Kota Tinggi	9d pm	
2/ fy.	Kroha Tanpan		
2/ fy.	Krubong		
2/ fy.	Kuala Klang		
2/ fy.	Kuala Lumpur	8.11.0	75%
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2/ fy.	Ledbury		
2/ fy.	Lendu		
2/ fy.	Linggi		
2/ fy.	London Asiatic		
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2/ fy.	Beramban Perak		
2/ fy.	Do. Ordinary		
2/ fy.	Bidor		
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2/ fy.	Klan-Kelas		
2/ fy.	Kota Tinggi	9d pm	
2/ fy.	Kroha Tanpan		
2/ fy.	Krubong		
2/ fy.	Kuala Klang		
2/ fy.	Kuala Lumpur	8.11.0	75%
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2/ fy.	Flands Selangor		
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2/ fy.	Batu Caves		
2/ fy.	Batu Kawan		
2/ fy.	Batu Tiga	5.0.0	10%
2/ fy.	Beramban Selangor		
2/ fy.	Beramban Perak		
2/ fy.	Do. Ordinary		
2/ fy.	Bidor		
2/ fy.	Flands Selangor		
2/ fy.	Bukit Cioh	2.10.0	
2/ fy.	Bukit Kajang		
2/ fy.	Bukit Mertajam	4/1	
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2/ fy.	Castlefield		
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2/ fy.	K. Pong Kuantan		
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